

# Femmes d'Esprit

*The Voice of the CNR Honors Program*

***Bon Voyage Class of 1998! Class of 2002,  
Welcome to the Honors Program!***

After a long summer full of excitement and relaxation, the 60-some Honors students are back on campus and are looking forward (hey hey) to another grueling semester. Yet, something seems to be missing. Six Seniors left us last May for the 'real world.' They were remarkable women and so we dedicate this issue to them and their achievements at CNR. But even though these young women of tomorrow will be sorely missed, nine new freshmen are carving out names for themselves on campus. Therefore, this issue is also dedicated to them. Hopefully, they can read some of the alum's achievements and use other information provided in this edition to begin their college careers on the right foot. But this issue must also be dedicated to the sophomores, juniors and present seniors. After all, it would be impossible to get anywhere without the bumpy road in between beginnings and ends. So, Honors students, this is for you! Read about your summer flings. Find out when and where those Honors meetings are. Catch up on some old friends.

Are you overwhelmed yet?

Happy Reading!

**Jennifer Horbal**

Associate Editor

Don't Forget...

If you aren't enrolled in an Honors Seminar this fall, you **NEED** to consider an Honors Contract project. Honors Contracts Are Due Wednesday, September 23.

*Special Thanks to Mary Job and Dr. Raza for their tremendous help putting out this Femmes. Without them, I would have been doing 20 hours of work by myself with a typewriter in a stuffy dorm room.*

## Meet the Freshmen...

This semester, nine students from the class of 2002 have taken the challenge and joined the Honors Program! Each is excited about getting involved (actually they have no choice)! Each has been adopted by a sophomore who will guide her sister through the treacherous waters of college life. So, when you are looking for assistance on committees, or if you want to meet some great new people, this is where to look!

### Class of 2002: In Their Own Words

*Latoya Ashe (Sophomore Sister: Carissa Wasserman)*

I am from Staten Island, New York. I plan to major in mathematics and business. I love to read, draw, listen to music, dance, sing and act. When you first meet me, I seem very shy, but once you get to know me I can be quite talkative. I love to be the center of attention and enjoy helping others out.

*Gillian Bourassa (Sophomore Sister: Amy Angeles)*

I am from Freeport, Maine, and am planning to study Art Therapy, Photography and education. I'm also interested in various other art forms and writing. I'm looking forward to exploring New York City, New Rochelle and all the diversity at CNR. My philosophy is that wherever I am I can donate my talents to help others or improve situations.

*Katherine Donovan (Sophomore Sister: Meghan O'Conner)*

I am a commuter student from the Bronx. I am studying Psychology and hope to achieve certification in Special Ed. Here at CNR I plan to become involved with various activities. I enjoy writing, reading and working with children. I like to be called "Katie" and look forward to my next years at CNR.

*Desiree Fraiser (Sophomore Sister: Christina Cortez)*

My favorite hobby is baking. I specialize in cheesecakes and rum cakes, but can bake almost anything with a recipe.

*Adrienne Garofalo (Sophomore Sister: Melissa Perez)*

I am from Port Washington, NY, on Long Island and come from a big family. I love to tell stories and am very talkative among small groups of people. I am a Communication Arts major and love the movies and theater.

*Anne Houli (Sophomore Sister: Sara Cross)*

I am a Communication Arts major and am considering a career in web page design. I was born and raised in Oneida, New York and came to New Rochelle to be closer to New York City, my future place of residence.

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*Irete Morris (Sophomore Sister: Rebecca Teetsel)*

I am from Brooklyn, New York. I am going to major in Biology. As of now I plan to become a forensic pathologist but am also interested in physical therapy. My hobbies include reading, basketball, volleyball and shopping. I listen to all types of music except for country, but I mostly listen to rap. My favorite color is blue and my favorite foods are shrimp and Italian food. My favorite thing of all is "The X-Files." I have never missed a show and don't plan to!

*Faith Racette (Sophomore Sister: Mary Walls)*

I am from Fairfax, VT. I am majoring in Classics and plan to be a professor. I enjoy listening to all kinds of music, reading, playing pool and learning.

*Sadia Rehman (Sophomore Sister: Mary Job)*

I'm known as "Oh- Bushra's sister" by the upperclassmen and professors. I want to follow my older sister's footsteps by accomplishing my goals at the College of New Rochelle. Who is this freshman student? I am Sadia Rehman. My hobbies include drawing, collecting stamps, and making people laugh. I hope to survive in getting a BA in art studies and art history. I also like to keep things short and sweet.

## **S P E A K I N G O F** **G E T T I N G I N V O L V E D ...**

Here's a list of the Honors Committees for the Fall semester. All committees are looking for your help, whether you are a freshman or a senior. To get involved, get in touch with one of the CHAIRS:

ACTIVITIES - Erin Carmichael, Jennifer DeLemus and Jaclyn Martinez

ELECTIONS - Joy Holstine

'98 ORIENTATION - Christina Cortez, Mary Job, Angela Manning and Rebecca Teetsel. Here's a great way to meet those new Freshmen!

HOLIDAY PARTY - Kristina Kitkas and Dawn Philips

THE HONORS HANDBOOK - Dayanara Hudson, Melissa Perez and Rebecca Teetsel

MYTHS WE LIVE BY Lecture Series - Maria Coviello, Jennifer Horbal and Sara Cross. If you have any ideas for lectures or just want to see what we are all about, contact one of us, please!

"FEMMES d'ESPRIT" - Editor-in-Chief: Jenna Sunderland, Associate Editor: Jennifer Horbal, Assistant-to-the-Editors: Melissa Perez. If you like to write, type, draw, copywrite, layout, or do practically anything, including entertaining on those long layout nights - call one of us. We're everywhere!

NATIONAL COLLEGIATE HONORS COUNCIL - Gloria Romero and Mary Job, who are planning for the Chicago Conference in November.



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PUBLICITY - Marie Lagana, Dayanara Hudson and Mary Job. They are looking for your creativity!

25TH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE - Jenna Sunderland and Mary Job

LIAISON TO THE GAELIC SOCIETY - Meghan O'Conner.

LIAISON TO THE INTERNATIONAL CLUB - Renuka Rajani.

LIAISON TO THE WOMEN'S STUDIES COMMITTEE - Sara Cross

LIAISON TO THE NCHC - Jenna Sunderland (she is an NE-NCHC Board Member).

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Now that your interest has been peaked, check out these other positions that are still available: Activities Council liaison and Black History Month Committee Liaison. We need a Conference Coordinator and a Student Historian ( must be a senior).

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### LOOK HERE FOR AN EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY

Even if you don't want to stay in the government field, the Assembly State of New York, Albany, has a 1999 Internship that could be for you. It provides a \$3000 stipend per semester. You can earn up to a full semester of academic credit and gain skills and experience that will help you for the rest of your life. All majors are accepted to be Session Interns and there is NO FEE to apply.

For more information, contact the Intern Committee at

<http://assembly.state.ny.us/internship/> or  
[intern@assembly.state.ny.us](mailto:intern@assembly.state.ny.us)

## *Alum Surviving In the Real World*

Michele Accardo '93 is still working at the North Richmond Community Mental Health Center as Coordinator for the Respite Program. The program gives relief services to caregivers of adults with mental illness. She is very close to earning her Masters degree in psychology from NYU.

Brenda Kibler '96 got engaged in May. The wedding is set for October 1999, and will most likely be held in the CNR Chapel.

Two students who came to CNR in 1996 for the NCHC Honors Semester, Amy Donohue and Erin Echmann, got married over the summer. Jenna Sunderland '99 attended both ceremonies.

Evangelina Romero '97 has been admitted to Catholic University Law School.

Shiba Russell '97 completed her Masters in Communications.

Kelly Allen '98 is presently working on Wall Street for Desknet. During the summer, Kelly was able to put what she learned in Latin and Greek classes by visiting Greece. She especially loved Athens because of all the wonderful sights and charmed several Athenians with her great interest in their heritage.

Sandy Schnaithman '98 delivered a baby girl, Angela Murray, on June 14, 1998. She has since moved back to Texas.



# Get Those Planners Ready - Here is Fall Semester At A Glance

## SEPTEMBER

- 14 6pm All-Member Honors Program Meeting, SC, Rm C
- 15 Latin-American History Month Begins
- 17 12:30 Honors Board Meeting, Honors Center
- 18 11:30-2pm Activities Fair
- 23 Spring '99 course offerings due in Dean's Office
- 25 NE Regional Sleeping Bag Seminar at Salisbury State
- 29 12:30 Honors Senior Futures Workshop, Honors Center

## OCTOBER

- 1 12:30 Women's Studies Committee
- 4 Admissions Open House
- 8 12:30 Honors Faculty Lunch Meeting, Honors Center
- 15 12:30 Honors Board Meeting, Honors Center
- 22 12:30 Women's Studies Committee: Iselin

## NOVEMBER

- 4 Advisement begins
- 4-11 NCHC Chicago Conference
- 7 Honors Convocation & Family Weekend
- 10 12:30-2 Honors Sophomores and Juniors Advisement, Honors Center
- 11 12:30-1:30 Honors Freshman Advisement, Honors Center
- 12 12:30 Honors Board Meeting, Honors Center
- 15 Admissions Open House
- 17 12:30 Honors Senior Advisement and Class Meeting
- 19 12:30 Women's Studies Committee: Iselin
- 26 Thanksgiving Holiday

## DECEMBER

- 3 12:30 Honors Board Meeting, Honors Center
- 7 3 pm Honors Holiday Party, Castle Gallery
- 16 Last day of Fall classes
- 23 Last day of Final Exams

# What did you do this Summer?

If you want to hear some great stories from around the world, ask these students how they spent their summers.

MARIE LAGANA spent two months in Florence studying art and architecture. She lived with an Italian family who barely spoke English and navigated her way around the masterpieces of the Renaissance. She was lucky enough to receive credit for her excursions and adventures. She even got to lay on the floor of the Sistine Chapel to study Michaelangelo's ceiling!

ROBERTA THOMAS and NOELLA TABAN both studied in Tours, France, and earned credits.

MONIKA WARGO and KELLEY ALLEN an alum, took a different approach to their European experience. They backpacked their way through places like Scotland and Italy.

And You Thought Your Summer Was Interesting!

## *My Summer Experience*

Melissa Perez

This summer I accepted a job on Wall Street doing data entry. I learned a few interesting facts and acquired some new skills that I thought I should share with all my fellow Honors students.

First, I discovered that the work environment is worse than any other environment for gossip. As in life, a lot of the conversation at work was of the "He said, She said," variety. I would say that 50 percent of the time that I spent working, I was hearing all the little office dramas in the background. Of course, I also participated in these conversations from time to time. I am human after all.

Next, I learned that one person can make the whole office come to a halt. This was mainly due to poor management. One person (namely my boss) was not on the ball. Often, ten others were forced into trying to stretch what little work they had. As a result they would have more hours of work. Naturally, I'm a little bitter.

There were many other negative experiences that occurred, but my blood pressure is starting to go up, so I'll move on to the positives. I did acquire some new skills which will be helpful in my future job -

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hunting excursions. I can type faster, my people skills have improved, and I am more patient. If I am in desperate need of a job next summer, I can return to Technimetrics because of my knowledge of their equipment. Also, being in the Wall Street area was good due to the interesting sights that are within walking distance. Chinatown is right around the corner and I also got to see a few concerts at the World Trade Center. I met many interesting people and I managed to get autographs from some of my favorite country singers. I guess the summer wasn't a total bust.

### **Attention Future Teachers!!!**

Connecticut is recruiting minority teachers for its school districts. The Capitol region Education Council (CREC) is looking to diversify its 42 districts. If you plan to teach after college and lead the next generation as a role model for multi-ethnic education, pick up one of the CREC's brochures in the education department.



## *She Works Hard For Her Money!*

The Truman Scholarship is a prestigious award which can only be given to a select group of students. First, to be eligible for this scholarship, the student must be a full-time junior, a US citizen, in the top quarter of her class and committed to a career in public service. She must possess public and community service records, a desire to influence public policies, leadership potential, intellectual strength, communication skills and analytical abilities. If one meets these standards, then she must be nominated by her college (only four students can be nominated from any one institution). Michelle Echevarria, one of our fellow Honors classmates, attended a Truman Scholarship Candidates Workshop this summer to investigate the application. It was held at The Park Ridge Conference Center and Hotel at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania from July 31 to August 2, 1998. Let her tell you about it...

### **The Truman Experience**

Michelle Echevarria

On the last weekend of July, I ventured out to Philadelphia to attend the Truman Scholarship summer workshop. The Truman Scholarship is worth \$30,000 and it pays for your senior year of college and graduate school. There are fifteen questions on the application and a policy proposal that has to be from 700-800 words. Initially, the application seemed to be lengthy and difficult, but after I attended the workshop, I found that the application simply asked questions that I would end up asking myself anyway.

Some questions that were posed included what I wanted to be in five years and what graduate school I wanted to go to. This workshop was intended to help applicants feel more comfortable with the application process. One way in which it helped applicants feel relaxed was to let them know that they were not alone. About 150 other hopeful applicants also attended the workshop, all equally nervous about the application. By the end of the weekend, we were all more relaxed and less fearful.

The leaders of our student breakout groups were either faculty representatives or Truman

Scholarship recipients. They all offered to help us if we needed any assistance in filling out the application. This was very helpful considering that they either had helped many students in the past or were applicants themselves.

There was one question that was asked at least a dozen times during the course of the weekend - What is your passion? If your passion is public service, then this could be the scholarship for you. The scholarship is named after Harry S. Truman, who is best known for his public service efforts in America during his presidency.

A career in public service can be anything from being a teacher to an attorney or a doctor. It especially means working in government, whether it be local or federal. Also, a history of community service is a favorable experience for hopeful applicants. This can include things such as volunteering for a local politician or Meals on Wheels. So if you are a collegiate freshman or sophomore, begin to think about applying during your junior year. You will have some time to build up your volunteer references.

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The application process takes about a semester and you have to work closely with a faculty representative (Dr. Raia is mine). It takes so long because of all the rewrites that need to be done before the application is handed in. The Truman representatives are looking for applications to be thorough. They can tell if you took the time to think about what you wrote simply by reading your application. Do not feel intimidated by this, however. There will be plenty of help from the faculty during this process. Thirty thousand dollars can be a big assistance to anyone attending graduate school, and if you do receive the scholarship, all your hard work will be worth it.

If you need more information about the Truman Scholarship you can call Dr. Raia at ext. 5398 or click onto the Truman website at [www.truman.gov](http://www.truman.gov). Also, look out for a forum I will be giving on the Truman Scholarship soon.

If you worked for Femmes,  
you could have figured out  
what to do with this blank  
space!

## *Another Satisfied Summer*

Kelly Larkin

This summer, I worked as a swim teacher and lifeguard at Friends Academy Summer Camp in Locust Valley, NY. This was my first summer working as a lifeguard at an outdoor pool. I had a great time teaching and helping seven and eight-year-olds improve their swimming skills.

One day at the camp was designated Carnival Day. It is a tradition at the camp for all the lifeguards to dress up in costumes. I dressed up as a pirate, along with the other female lifeguards. The male lifeguards were a hit at the carnival since they dressed up as mermaids wearing bikini tops, towels, flippers and makeup!

Another tradition at the camp is for all the lifeguards to take turns in the dunking tank. That was an experience I won't forget! The children had a blast trying to throw the balls at the target in order to dunk the lifeguards. Let me tell you, the water in the dunking tank was ice cold! So when someone asks you to be a lifeguard, be prepared for an adventure!

## **The National Endowment of the Humanities Faculty**

Two NEH grants were awarded this summer.

Dr. Quandt has announced that Drs. Anne McKernon and Colleen O'Neill from the History Department are developing an intersession travel course entitled, "Native American Cultures and Economies."

Dr. Ryan from the Religion department did research for his course on "Death, Grief and Religion." His work has already been published at various professional conferences.

**Congratulations!**



Mary Job

## *My SOS Experience*

Well, let me begin by saying that I had a fairly unproductive summer this year. I was jobless, hobbyless, and inspirationless. So, in a last-ditch effort to do something with my summer, I agreed to return to CNR early and become part of the Student Orientation Staff (SOS). I have to admit that I was not hopeful about my decision and did not think that I had the qualities to be a good leader. After my training and interaction with many other people, however, my previous feelings have changed. I feel confident and happy about my decision now.

The first couple of days were rough. I had traveled by bus down from Albany (Dr. Raia was gracious enough to pick me up from the station). Even though I was good friends with two of the other SOS leaders, I still felt alone. It took me some time to adjust to being in New Rochelle, to being back at CNR, meeting new people, being in a room by myself, being TVless, and (though I am reluctant to admit it) being away from my family, whom I saw every day during the summer. Those first few days I would return to my room and wonder why I assented to this.

I am glad that I kept reminding myself why, because the end result was wonderful. First of all, I got to meet some great people whom I probably would not have interacted with otherwise - my fellow SOS leaders. I got to be better friends with Liz and Julia. I had the opportunity to meet Raeshma, Isabelle, Jenice, Judith, Jackie, Tricia and Devi. It was fabulous to meet these people and hear their stories (and were they some stories!), their ideas, their beliefs. We were all so diverse, yet we were all the same. I felt a real connection among us all.

Then, of course, there was the staff at Campus Activities, who were all so great in helping me to adjust and feel comfortable and welcome. Karenann, Saadia and Theresa were all really helpful.

But, of course, the best part of my week and a half of orientation training: the skit rehearsals, the research for my workshop, the numerous workshops I attended, staying up until 3:30am - was the arrival of all the new students. I was anxiously awaiting them, and I have to admit that even as they were coming in, I felt nervous about my abilities.

As I was meeting the students, however, my ideas of a leader began to change. The word conjured up for me a "Come follow me!" sort of image. This was not what I was here to do. We should have been termed SOS friends (of course, that does not sound as good). It was a great feeling to help students out in little ways. Where is the Student Campus Center? Do I have to go to all these Workshops? How does my card work in the cafeteria? How do I know where my classes are? This is what the students were looking for from those girls in the red and white t-shirts. They just wanted to talk to someone who could relate. I could do this! As I became more aware of what they expected from me, I became more comfortable around them and in my position. I even managed a game of volleyball with some freshmen, as horrible as I was at the game.

After my initial anxiety, I am glad that I was an SOS leader. It is a wonderful feeling to walk around the campus and have students say, "Hi Mary." I am shocked that some of them remember my name! (Continued on pg. 10)



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And, sometimes I shock them by remembering theirs. This whole experience helped me in ending my summer on a good note. Therefore, I encourage my fellow Honors students to be involved with the SOS program next year. Contact Karenann or Saadia and let them know you are interested in applying for the position. Next year, you can be a friend to the new students.

Although we did not speak over the summer, you were very present in my mind as well as CNR ingeneral. Here at Catholic Law there are many students represented from various universities (most famous, others not so much). However, I am sure others who find themselves in my position agree with me that when it comes time to answer the question, "Where did you go to undergrad?" I answer, with a ton of pride, "CNR!"

I am now at a place (CU of A) where everyone is great, smart, witty and realize that the education given at CNR really is superb and anything but second-class. Many of my comrades here who went to women's colleges share my views. Others (few) look at us as weird when we say we went to women's colleges. but then are impressed at our experiences.

Although it is very difficult, mind labor intensive and exhausting, I love it! I do believe that being a member of the Honors Program is helping because of the extra stuff we had to do and the additional academic support we received.

I am also grateful that we had such great support from faculty and staff in our writing. I only wish that I took more advantage of the library staff. As a law student, your writing

## **speaking of alums...**

If you're an upperclassmen, then you will remember Evangelina Romero. She graduated in 1997 with a major in Political Science and an Honors Diploma. She recently wrote Dr. Raia about her experience as a graduate student at The Catholic University of America. Here are some highlights of her letter that Dr. Raia thought she should share with you.

and research are your major assets.

Another ability that you can only get at a small school is the power to sharpen your mind through classroom participation! You can clearly tell students who came from small classes. They articulate and communicate their points effectively.

I really do not know how to thank you and my other teachers.

If there are any students who need to or should speak to someone regarding law school, you can send them to me (I cannot say that I have much time, but I will make it somehow - it's too important).

All I can say is thank you. To you, to my department, to the School, for having the Learning Support Services, for everything! CNR is a great school and my already high opinion has been raised to an unbelievable level.

Please send my love to the returning students and extend a warm welcome to the new ones.

*Evangelina C. Romero,*  
*Class of 1997*



# Our Newest Alum - The Class of 1998

Congratulations to the Honors Students who graduated last May! Theirs were the 91st Annual Commencement exercises, held on May 24, on Maura lawn. Dr. Audrey Forbes Manley, President of Spelman College in Atlanta, Georgia, delivered the Commencement address. 964 Bachelor's degrees and 392 Nursing degrees were awarded.

**LISA ANN DZIEGIELEWSKI GRADUATED WITH A BACHELOR OF SCIENCE,  
CUM LAUDE WITH AN HONORS DIPLOMA.**

**HEIDI MELISSA MUHLEMAN GRADUATED WITH A BACHELOR OF SCIENCE  
DEGREE, CUM LAUDE WITH AN HONORS DIPLOMA.**

**KELLEY LAWSON ALLEN GRADUATED WITH A BACHELOR OF ART DEGREE,  
CUM LAUDE WITH AN HONORS DIPLOMA.**

**REBECCA ANDERS ELLER GRADUATED WITH A BACHELOR OF ARTS  
DEGREE, MAGNA CUM LAUDE WITH AN HONORS DIPLOMA.**

**BUSHRA REHMAN GRADUATED WITH A BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE,  
SUMMA CUM LAUDE WITH AN HONORS DIPLOMA.**

**SANDRA NICHOLE SCHNAITHMAN GRADUATED WITH A BACHELOR OF  
ARTS DEGREE, WITH AN HONORS DIPLOMA.**

**QUOD BONUM FAUSTUM FELIX FORTUNATUMQUE SIT!**

*("May they have whatever is good auspicious, happy and fortunate.")*

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*"Read Very Slowly, Don't Look Towards Heaven, and Relax"*

Kelley L. Allen

*Speech for the Hooding Ceremony*

President Sweeny, Ladies and Gentlemen, Dear Friends,

Today we are all here preparing to end a long, sometimes difficult journey. Over the past four years, we have struggled, juggled, studied, enjoyed and learned a great deal. Now we are all here to celebrate that marvelous journey of learning and self-discovery that we began four years ago. On behalf of all the other members of the Class of 1998, I want to congratulate all of our classmates who received awards and honors today.

This is a very exciting time to be graduating from the College of New Rochelle. It is almost a shame to be leaving. (Well, I stress almost.) We have a new President. Soon there will be a new Dean, though we all love Dr. Denne. The campus itself will soon be renewed as well. The Library will be completely renovated. And in a few years, we may have a new Sports Building. The Dorms also will have some new interior changes. In addition, the College is finally updating its computer technology. The Internet was installed just this past semester.

Not only will the College of New Rochelle be changing physically, there will also be new faculty

I was lucky enough to be on two departmental search committees whose jobs were to find new English and Physical Education professors. We found three dynamic and engaging professors, I know that the school will benefit greatly from them. And I am told that other departments (art and communication arts) will soon be adding new people.

However, we're losing good professors too. Graduating with us are five of our esteemed professors: Dr. Sharon Golub, professor of Psychology, Joan Diaferia, Professor of Spanish, and Dr. Carl Pratt of Biology; Dr. Denne has retired from his English professorship; last, but surely not least, we shall be losing our fabulous Physical Education Department head,

Miss Kathleen LeVach. All of us were required to take Physical Education courses and were undoubtedly touched by the influence of the energetic Miss LeVache. I always found it a bit ironic that the senior faculty member, on campus for over forty-six years, is our Physical Education teacher.

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Yet Miss LeVache has more spunk to her than most people I know my own age. She is part of the living history of the College of New Rochelle, a part we will never forget. So I wish to congratulate these professors. I expect all five of you to throw your caps in the air as we graduate together.

But the role of a commencement speaker is not just to congratulate people. A commencement speaker is supposed to offer advice to the graduates. Well, I'm not one to defy a time-honored tradition like that (or am I???????)--so let me now get to the main purpose of my speech today: words of wisdom.

My first piece of advice may surprise you just a wee bit. I want to advise you not to be happy. That is, not to try to be happy. Now I know that this may be a bit shocking at first because "the pursuit of happiness" is practically a constitutional obligation, but if you think about it, the pursuit of happiness in itself is not a worthy activity. We really should pursue some goal that is outside ourselves. And what better goal than a better society? What better activity than the pursuit of social justice?

If we pursue such a goal as this, who knows? We may find our own personal happiness along the way. Think about it. If you are happy with your life, you would be crazy to try changing it. Yet when something makes us upset or angry, these emotions cause us to spring into action. Look at some famous people in history. Many were very unhappy people. They saw a need in their society and sacrificed their personal happiness in order to correct it. If these famous people had been happy and satisfied, then they might not have accomplished anything and might never have touched the pages of history as they did. These people were provoked by their age, by their time, by their culture to stand up for what they believed in. In their courage (and unhappiness), they intentionally or unintentionally surrendered a bit of life's bliss for the greater good of us all. So, let us now apply this to our own lives

This is where my advice #2 comes into play. Be a Gadfly. Now, before you get out your can of Raid Bug Spray, let me explain. I mean this - be irritating. Mind you - be not irritating your friends or you may find that you have none remaining after a while. But know when it is the right time to stand up for your beliefs. The most famous gadfly in history was the great philosopher, Socrates. Socrates was a gadfly to the

Athenians. He was considered very odd and almost comical to his contemporaries - unlike the awe that we feel for him today. He went around and questioned absolutely everything. He especially loved to irritate people who claimed that they were experts on a subject. One bout with Socrates and they knew for certain: that they still had a lot to learn!

For that is where great wisdom lies, in the realization that we do not know very much. This poor old man was eventually sentenced to death because he questioned and made the happy Athenian people think. And in their thinking, they became very unhappy.

For a moment, let us pretend that we are Socrates. Take a look at our society and question it. Look at all the atrocities being committed before our eyes! Look at the corrupt governments, the drugs, social injustices such as sexism, prejudices against minorities, the vast gap between the rich and the poor. In these circumstances, can we allow ourselves to be happy? Some of us saw these injustices four years ago and wanted to educate ourselves in order to improve the world. With our diplomas in hand, we now have the freedom and independence to face up to the challenges of good citizenship, to confront the evils of the world. So my advice to all of us, myself included is to be a Gadfly. Be a Proud Gadfly! Do not be afraid to question, no matter who or what it is. If we see a social injustice, do something about it. Write to the newspaper, have a rally, be a nuisance. If something bothers us, don't let it go! We should voice our opinion, volunteer for something we believe in or work for a political candidate. Write those letters, go to rallies, start a newspaper, handcuff ourselves to the mayor's desk. Run for office! If we do this we may discover also our own personal fulfillment and personal happiness.

So now I leave you all. I wish you the best of luck and may happiness find you in your quest for justice.

### <<<take note>>>

The Editor of the National Honors Report for the NCHC, Dr. Margaret Brown, is looking for a student-intern to work with her beginning February, 1999. You don't need great computer expertise but you do need to be a good writer and have an interest in learning to edit a newsletter. See copies of the NHR on the Honors Center journal shelves or contact Dr. Raia for more information!



# ALUMNAE COLLEGE 1998

The weekend of June 5-7, Honors alums from the classes of 1978, 1983, 1988, 1993 and 1997 gathered for the 60th annual Alumnae/i College.

The theme of the weekend was "The Art of Communicating Who We Are."

Dr. Raia attended the Faculty reception and several class parties.

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## Quality Television

If you are looking for something to watch, check out the upcoming programs on channel 13 for September and October. After all, professors don't really see the connection between "Melrose Place and real life.

### September

- 15 Oliver Sacks: the Mind Traveler (9pm)
- 16 In Performance at the White House, an evening of dance (9pm)
- 17 Wild World (8:30pm)
- 18 Reflections on Vatican II (9pm)
- 19 Cinema 13
- 20 Nature, Spirit of the Jaguar: Hunters of the Caribbean (8pm)
- 21-23 The Farmer's Wife, A Frontline Special (9pm)
- 24 Isamu Noguchi: Stones and Paper, an "American Masters" special (10pm)
- 25 Living with Cancer (9pm)
- 26 Cinema 13
- 27 Crown and Country (8pm)
- 28 The Metropolitan Opera Presents "Samson et Dalila" Live (8pm)
- 29 NOVA - Avalanche! (8pm)
- 30 Great Performances at Carnegie Hall's Opening Night (9pm)

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### Announcement! Announcement!

Jenna Sunderland has been elected to serve as a Student Representative on the Executive Board of the Northeast Region of the NCHC for the 1998-99 academic year. She will be part of the committee that "formulate[s] policies and projects which fulfill the obligations and purposes of the Region, and shall act upon requests from member institutions for financial support of activities supporting the goals of the Region."

(NCHC Constitution)

**You Deserve It!**

### LOOK WHO'S BEEN PUBLISHED!

A good way to get your name in print is to offer a panel at a NCHC conference. Jennifer Horbal and Rebecca Eller, who attended the regional conference in Washington last spring, were both published in the NE-NCHC Regional Newsletter. Their articles were called, "Exploring the Conference Site" and "Communicating Culture: Gallaudet University" respectively.

### Way To Go!

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- 1 Mystery! Touching Evil, part 1 of 5 (9pm)
- 2 Chuck Close: A Portrait in Progress (9pm)
- 3 Cinema 13
- 4 Nature: Cats (8pm)
- 5 Legendary Lighthouses of the North Atlantic (8pm)
- 6 NOVA, Lost At Sea, season premiere (8pm)
- 7 Picasso paints Picasso (9:30pm)
- 8 Mystery! Touching Evil, part 2 of 5 (9pm)
- 10 Cinema 13
- 11 Nature: Great White Bear, season premiere (8pm)
- 12 Margaret Sanger (9pm)
- 13 The 30 Second Candidate 1(10pm)
- 14 Live from Lincoln Center, Chamber Music Society 30th Ann. Gala (8pm)
- 15 Mystery! Touching Evil, part 3 of 5 (9pm)
- 16 Vote for Me/Politics in America (9pm)
- 17 Cinema 13
- 18 Mobil Masterpiece Theatre: Wuthering Heights (9pm)
- 19-22 Africans in America (8pm)
- 23 Vote for Me/Politics in America (9pm)
- 24 Cinema 13
- 25 Nature: Animal Attraction, Amazing Tales from the San Diego Zoo (8pm)
- 26 Legendary Lighthouses of the South Atlantic (8pm)
- 27 NOVA: Terror in Space (8pm)
- 28 Leonard Bernstein, An "American Masters" Special (9pm)
- 29 Mystery! Touching Evil, part 4 of 5 (9pm)
- 30 Cincinnati Pops Holiday: Erich Kunzel's Halloween Spooktacular (9pm)
- 31 Cinema 13

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### *Spend a Semester in Great Britain!*

Spend a semester with the University of North Carolina at Wilmington in Great Britain. All Honors students in good standing are invited to attend. Students can earn 2 to 12 credits and will be eligible for internships at the Swansea City Council, BBC Radio, Magistrate Court, local Archaeological Trusts, hospitals, the county environment protection agency and retail establishments. Students will live in apartment villages with British students, from Jan. 10, 1999 and the semester will terminate on May 15. Easter break (Mar. 20-Apr. 19) provides time to travel. Approximate cost is \$5133 for tuition, room, board, insurance, international ID, orientation and some field trips. Registration and first payment are due by Oct. 20, 1998. For application and information, contact the Office of International Programs, UNCW, Wilmington, NC 28403 or [mcnabj@uncwil.edu](mailto:mcnabj@uncwil.edu).

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